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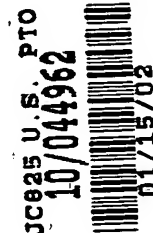
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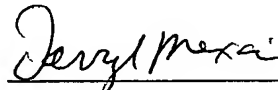
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U.S. Patent No. 5, 485, 371 corresponds to Japanese Unexamined Publication No. 3(1991)-285475, which is submitted herewith.

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